

Report to	Marlborough Area Board
Date of Meeting	17 July 2012
Title of Report	Grants and Funding

To ask Councillors to consider one applications seeking 2012/13 Youth Budget Grant Funding. Officer recommendations:

1. **Aldbourn Youth Council and Marlborough Youth Centre. Requested: £5,175.**
To provide a full programme of activities for young people from across Marlborough Community Area during the summer holidays. Recommendation: Meets criteria

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 • Marlborough Community Area Plan, 2012-17
<p>1. Background</p> <p>1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services 15th April 2011. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding</p> <p>1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.</p> <p>1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.</p> <p>1.4. Area boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.</p> <p>1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.</p> <p>1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.</p> <p>1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.</p> <p>1.8. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.</p> <p>1.9. Each Area Board has been allocated funds to support young people's projects. £5,676 has been allocated to Marlborough Area Board for 2012/13.</p>	

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be further rounds of funding at each of the Area Board meeting held during 2012/13. Dates of these meetings and the deadlines for applications are available on Wiltshire Council's website:
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/marlboroughareaboard.htm>

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the budget allocated to the Marlborough Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Marlborough Area Board's Delegated Youth Budget will have a balance of £501.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Discretionary Youth Budget Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, who represent young people an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations"

8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough Youth Centre	To run a full programme of activities for young people from Marlborough Community Area, aged 11-	£5,175

		19, during the summer holidays	
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8.1.1 This application meets the Discretionary Youth Budget Criteria for 2012/13.

8.1.2 This application demonstrates a link to four Issues within the Marlborough Community Plan, 2012-17 pages 10 and 11:

- “Access to sports facilities – Provide access to high quality sports facilities for all”,
- Recreational facilities and amenities for young people – Sense of isolation, boredom and lack of meeting places”
- “Provision of safe social facilities for young people – Young people are able to choose from a variety of venues for socialising and entertainment”
- “Provision of and access to after-school activities – Provide access to opportunities for all across the community area”.

This programme of activities also addresses matters within the Aldbourne community plan, page 11.

8.1.3 In collaboration with Marlborough Youth Centre, Aldbourne Youth Council is offering a varied programme of activities for young people aged 11-19 from all across Marlborough Community Area. Where possible, free transport will be provided for those living in the more rural part of the community area. These activities will provide an alternative to “hanging round the streets” for young people during the five weeks of the summer holidays. There is a wide range of activities being offered by the two organisations and include: gliding flights, different forms of outward bounds activities, bowling, swimming, visits to the cinema, photography courses and trips to theme parks.

Places on activities will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis on receipt of a booking form and deposit. These activities will be advertised through newsletters, the internet and at St John’s School.

8.1.4 If Marlborough Area Board decides not to fund this project, all costs for these activities will have to be covered by the young people themselves. With areas of deprivation and disadvantage within the Marlborough Community Area, this may mean there are young people who cannot take part in activities due to cost who might otherwise benefit from them.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 grant application – Aldbourne Youth Council and Marlborough Youth Centre
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